

1-1 By: Branch, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Ogden) H.B. No. 86
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2007;
1-3 April 17, 2007, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on
1-4 Higher Education; May 10, 2007, reported favorably from Committee
1-5 on Education by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 10, 2007,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to tuition rebates provided by general academic teaching
1-10 institutions to students who participate in the Reserve Officers'
1-11 Training Corps.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 54.0065(a), Education Code, is amended
1-14 to read as follows:

1-15 (a) A qualified student is eligible for a rebate of a
1-16 portion of the undergraduate tuition the student has paid if the
1-17 student:

1-18 (1) is awarded a baccalaureate degree from a general
1-19 academic teaching institution within the period prescribed by
1-20 Section 56.462(1)(A) or (B), as applicable, to qualify for
1-21 forgiveness of a Texas B-On-time loan; and

1-22 (2) has attempted no more than three hours in excess of
1-23 the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete
1-24 the degree program:

1-25 (A) ~~7~~ including:

1-26 (i) ~~(A)~~ transfer credits; and

1-27 (ii) ~~(B)~~ course credit earned
1-28 exclusively by examination, except that, for purposes of this
1-29 subsection, only the number of semester credit hours earned
1-30 exclusively by examination in excess of nine semester credit hours
1-31 is treated as hours attempted; and

1-32 (B) excluding course credit that is earned to
1-33 satisfy requirements for a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)
1-34 program but that is not required to complete the degree program.

1-35 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-36 to a student who is awarded a baccalaureate degree from a general
1-37 academic teaching institution on or after the effective date of
1-38 this Act.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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